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FRAME AND LOADING APPARATUS
FOR GROUPS OF BATTERY PLATES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above amendments are submitted prior to
examination of the above-referenced application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~Page~~ 1, before ~~line~~ 2, insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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This is the 35 USC 371 national stage of
International application PCT/GB97/01176 filed on May 1,
1997, which designated the United States of America.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

~~Page~~ 1, between ~~lines~~ 4 and ~~5~~, insert the following
heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

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Page 2, before line 1, insert the following heading:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 5, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following heading:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 6, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following heading:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Respectfully submitted,

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